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NOTIFICATION

The Working Plan Circle of the Department of Forests, Environment and Wildlife Management (FEWMD) is hereby declared as Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Cell for Sikkim with the following Terms of Reference (TOR).

1. To act as the Nodal point for all matters related to Sustainable Forest Management in the Department of Forests, Environment and Wildlife Management, Government of Sikkim) and to encourage the development of programmes aimed at sustainable utilization and conservation of forests, and maintaining their ecological balance.
2. To promote the development of practical methods, guidelines and strategies to apply the ecosystem approach in the management of natural forest areas, taking into account the regional and ecological differences in the forest areas of the State.
3. To facilitate the common understanding of concepts, terms and definitions related to Criteria and Indicators and to strengthen the Criteria and Indicators process and Inter-process cooperation.
4. To develop the mechanism for implementation of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management and to strengthen the related communication and information management systems.
5. To promote the sustainable use of forest resources in order to enhance the conservation of forest biological diversity.
6. To enhance and improve the technical capacity required at the State level to monitor Sustainable Forest Management and biological diversity
7. To assist SFM Cell in the ministry in integrating the broad framework of the Sustainable Forest Management principles into the Working Plan Code
8. To create awareness and improve the knowledge base and to assist in development of infrastructure for accurate assessment and monitoring of Sustainable Forest Management.
9. To pre-check and monitor thinning /harvesting and plantation to be carried out by any Division and maintain maps and records of the same to check whether activity is as per working plan prescription.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

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